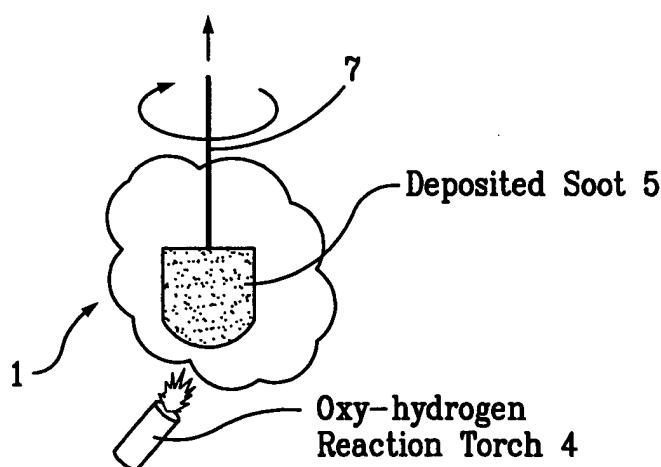
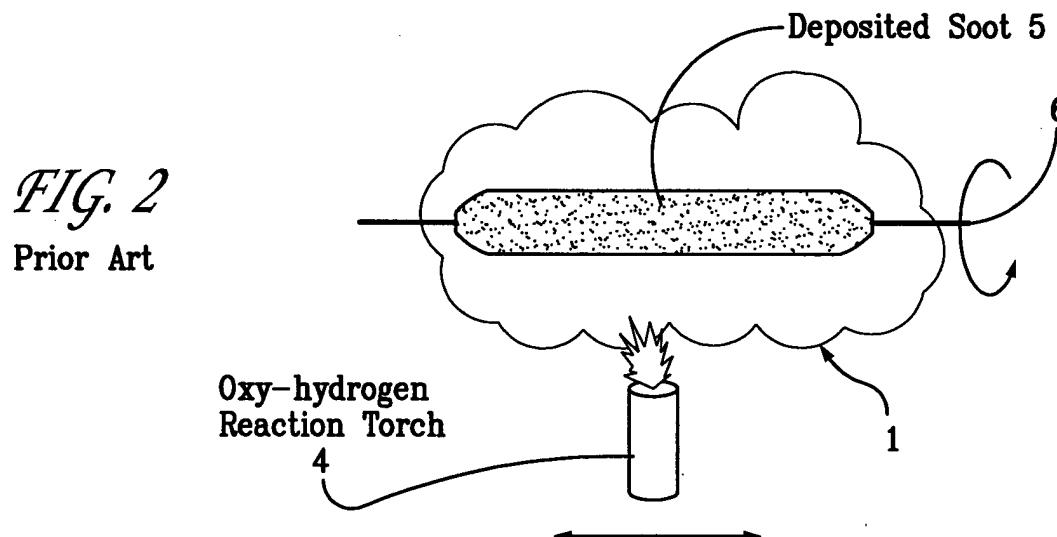
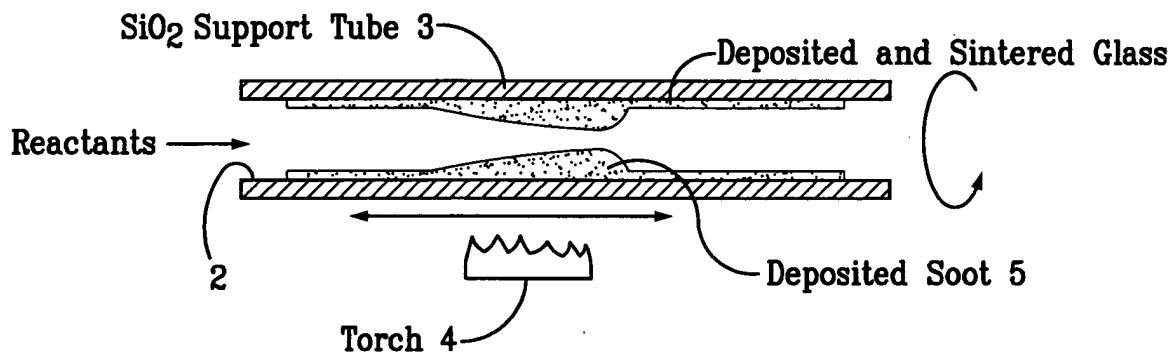


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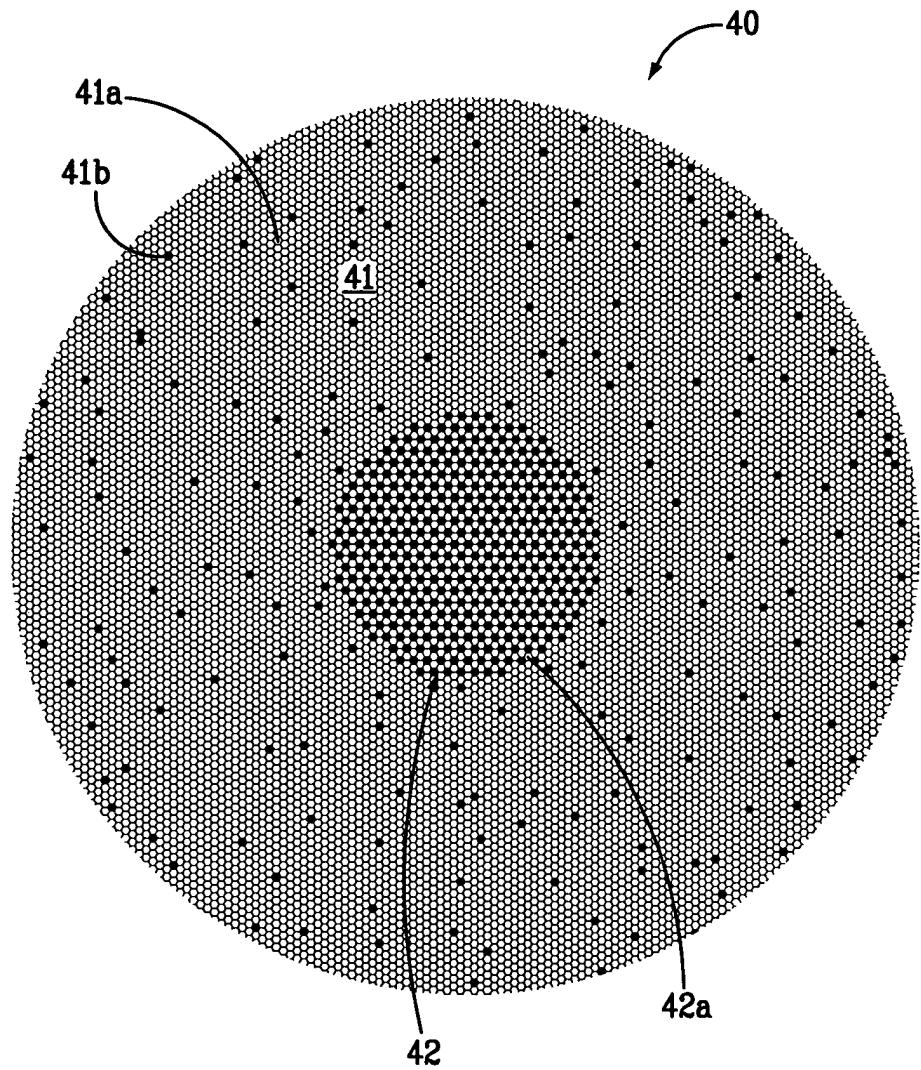
*FIG. 1*  
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*FIG. 3*  
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*FIG. 4*



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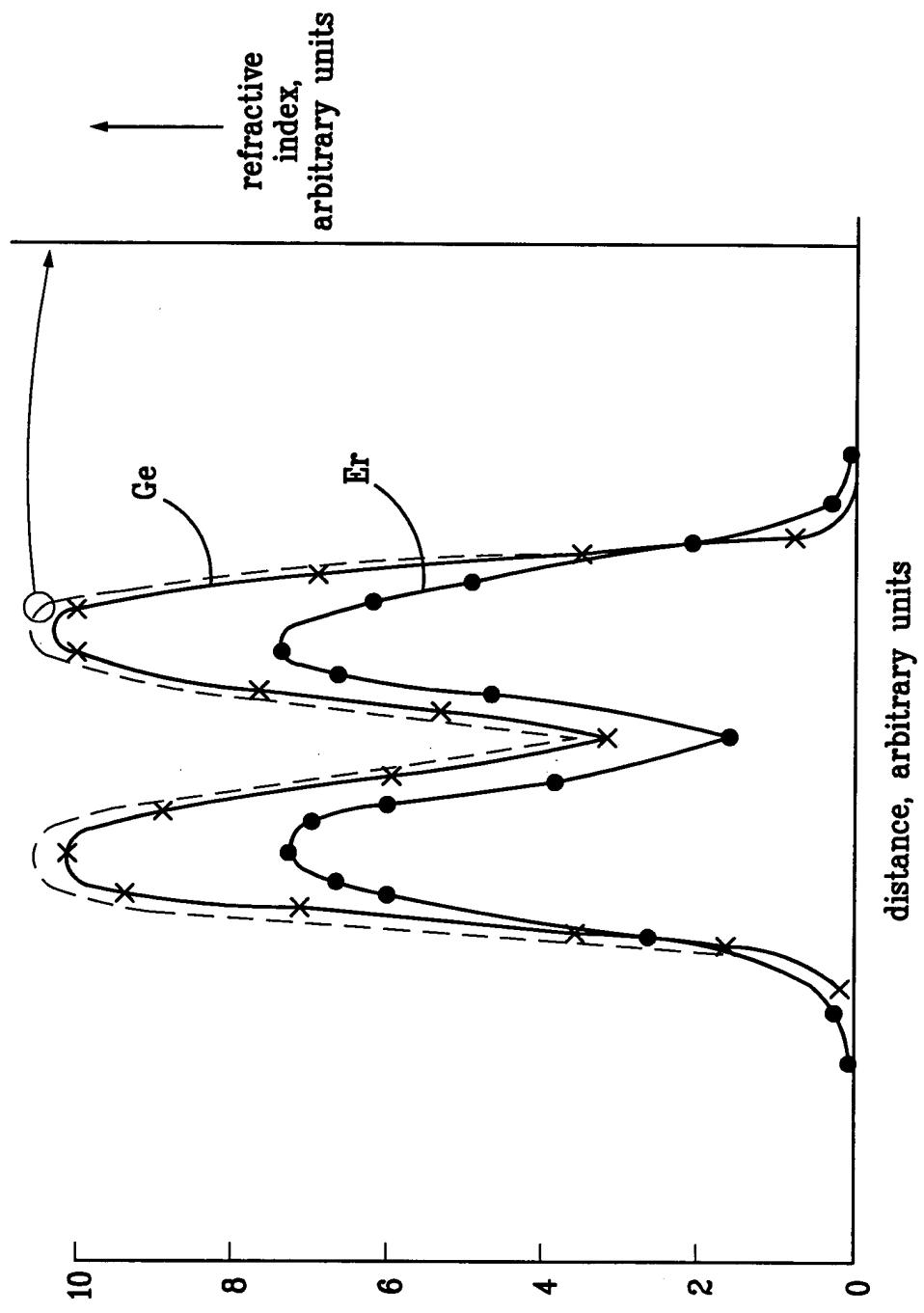
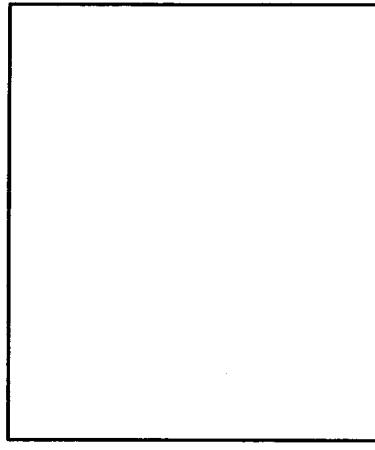


FIG. 5

Element concentration, arbitrary units

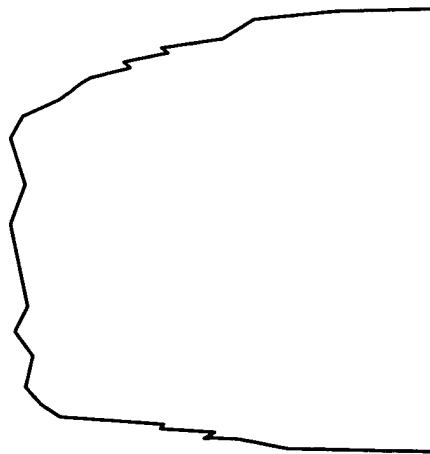
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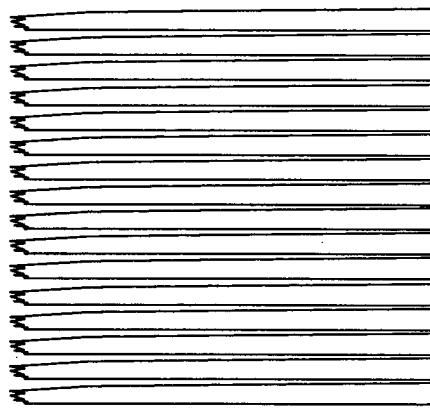
Index (or dopant) of core or  
cladding that has suffered  
the effects of burnout.

FIG. 6A



Index (or dopant) profile of  
a group of such rods  
bundled together.

FIG. 6B

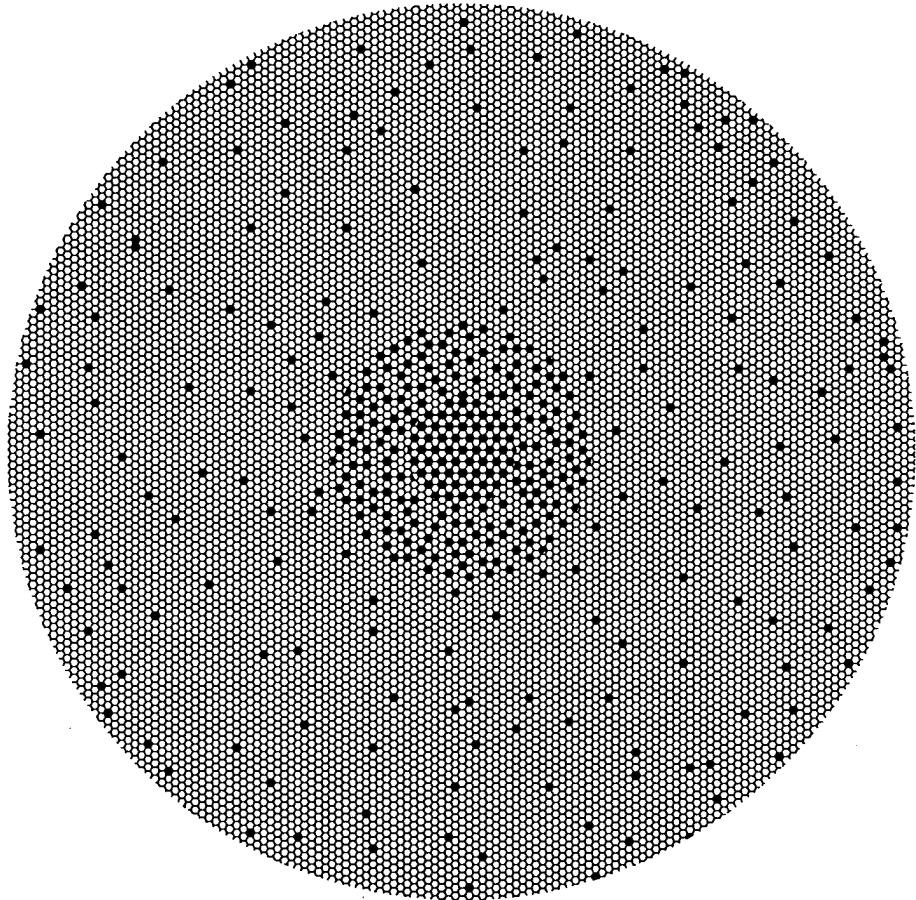


Effective index (or dopant)  
profile seen by mode field in  
fiber fabricated from such a  
preform bundle.

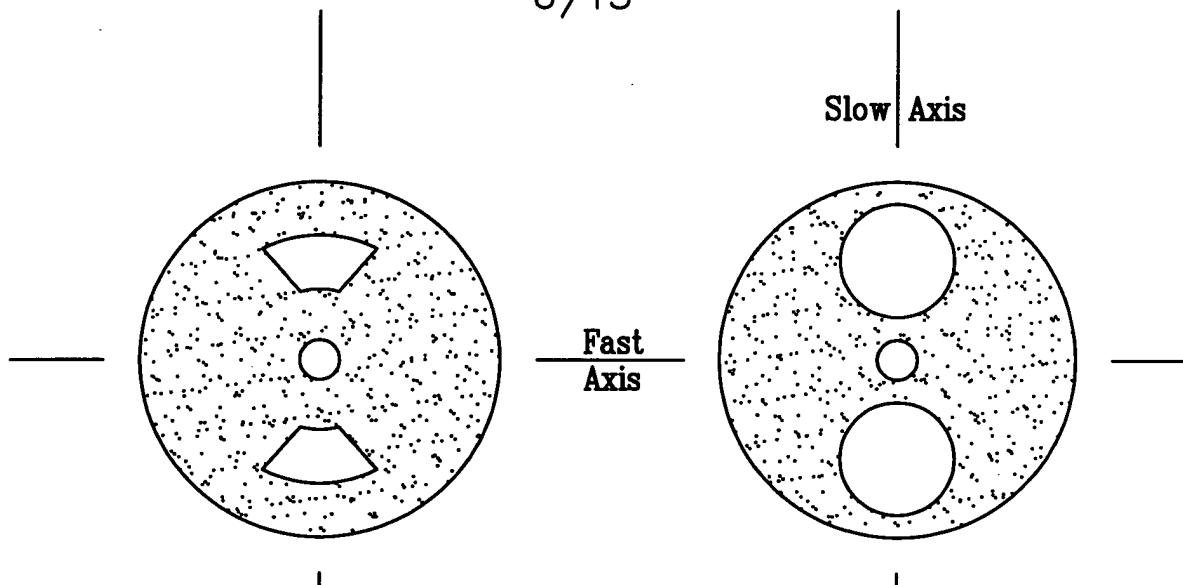
FIG. 6C

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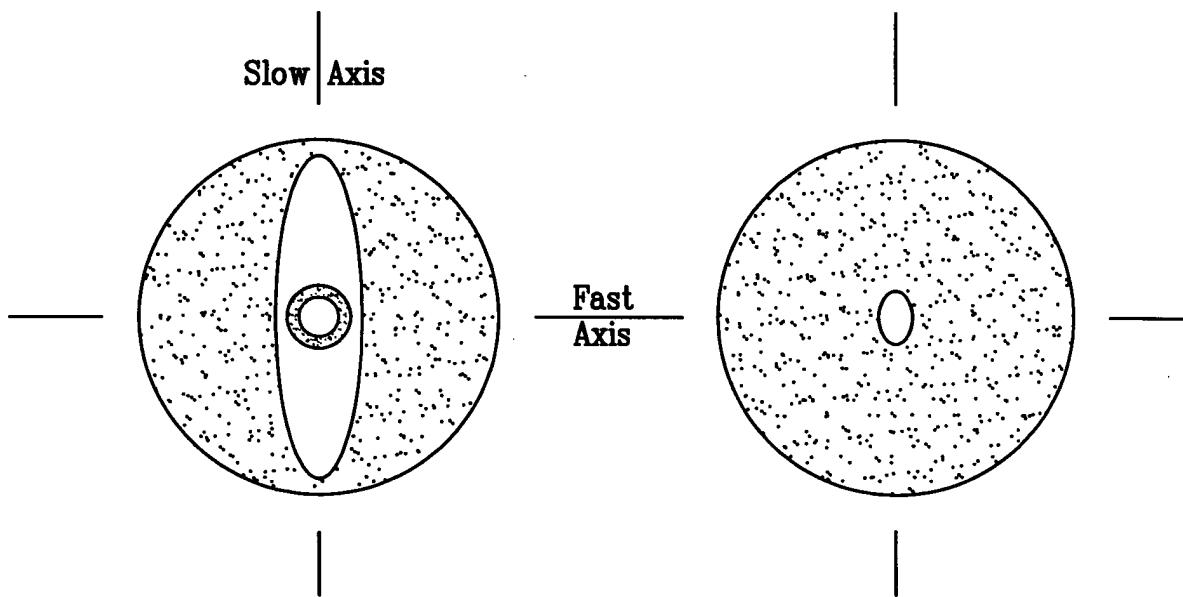
*FIG. 7*



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*FIG. 8A*  
Prior Art



*FIG. 8B*  
Prior Art

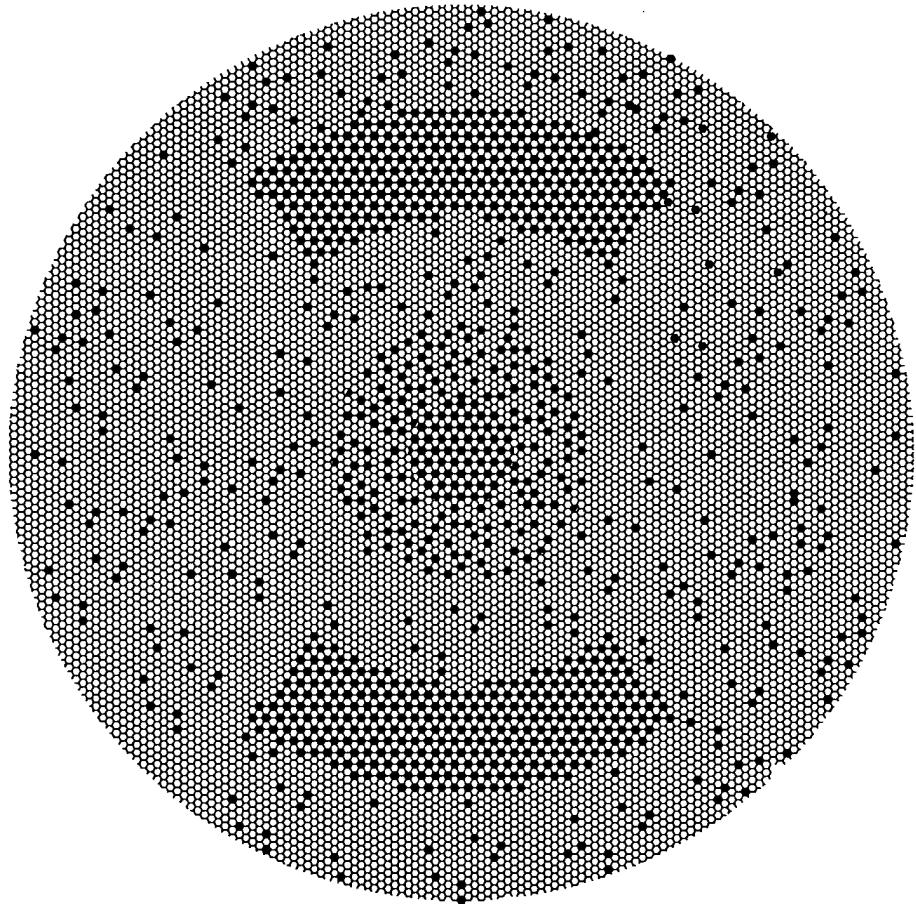
Oval-  
Inner Clad  
*FIG. 8C*  
Prior Art

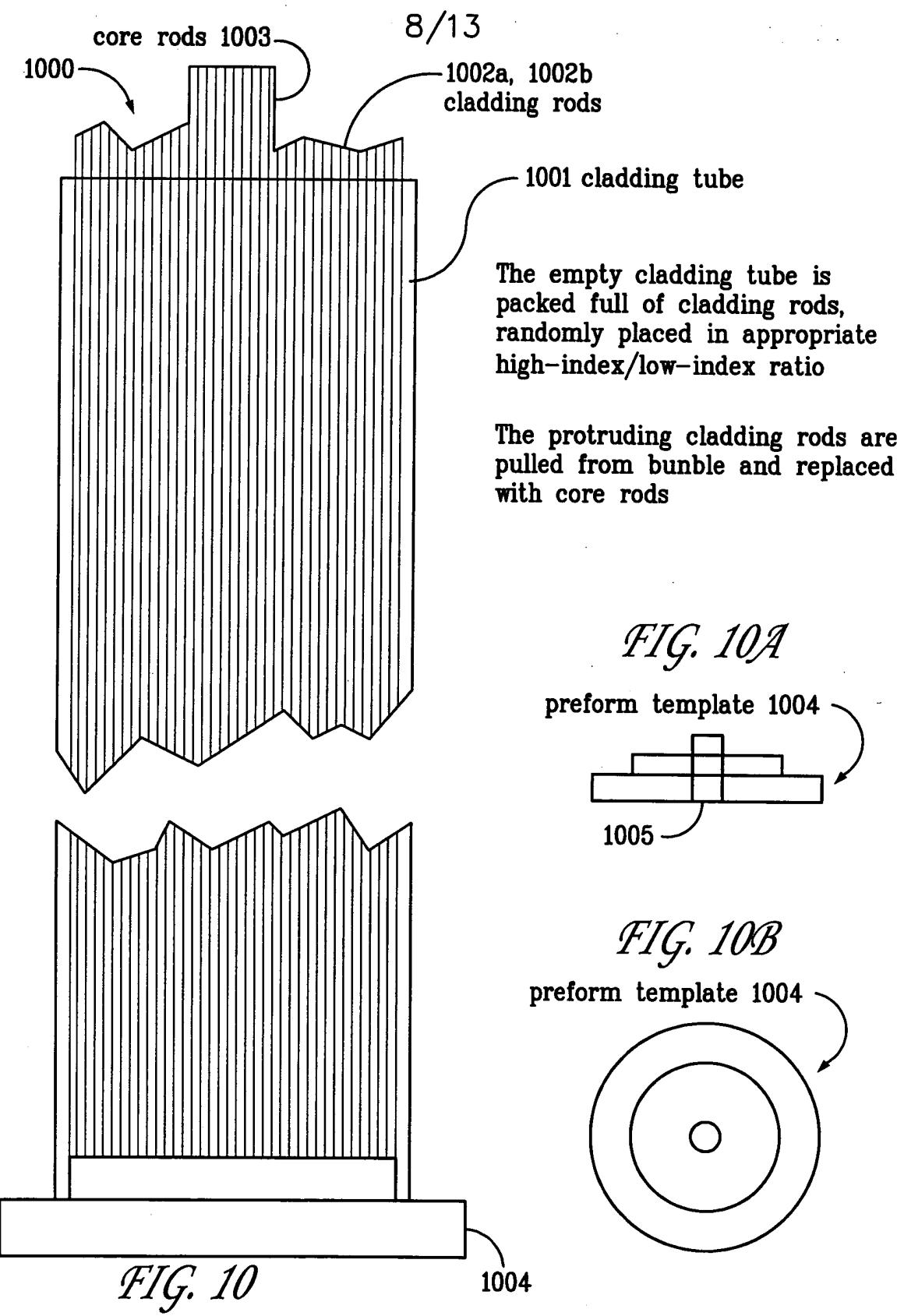


Oval Core  
*FIG. 8D*  
Prior Art

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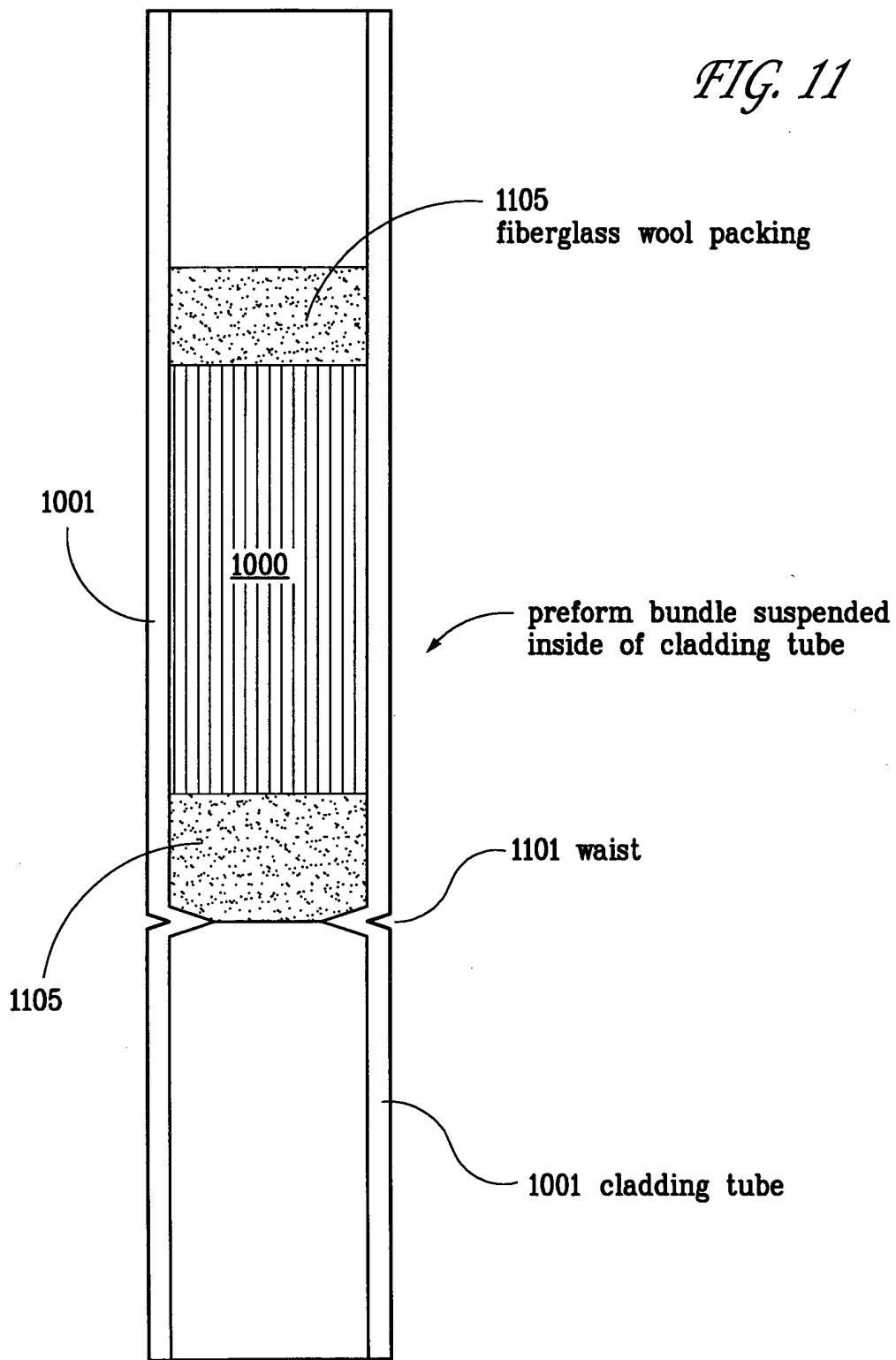
*FIG. 9*





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FIG. 11



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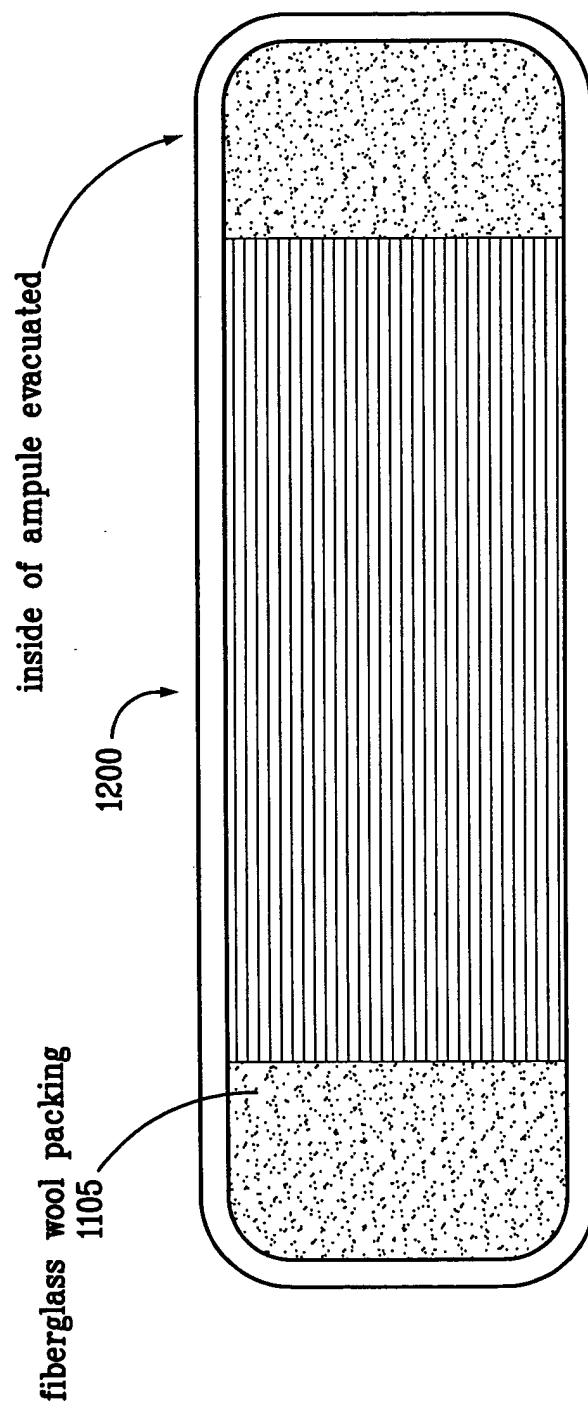
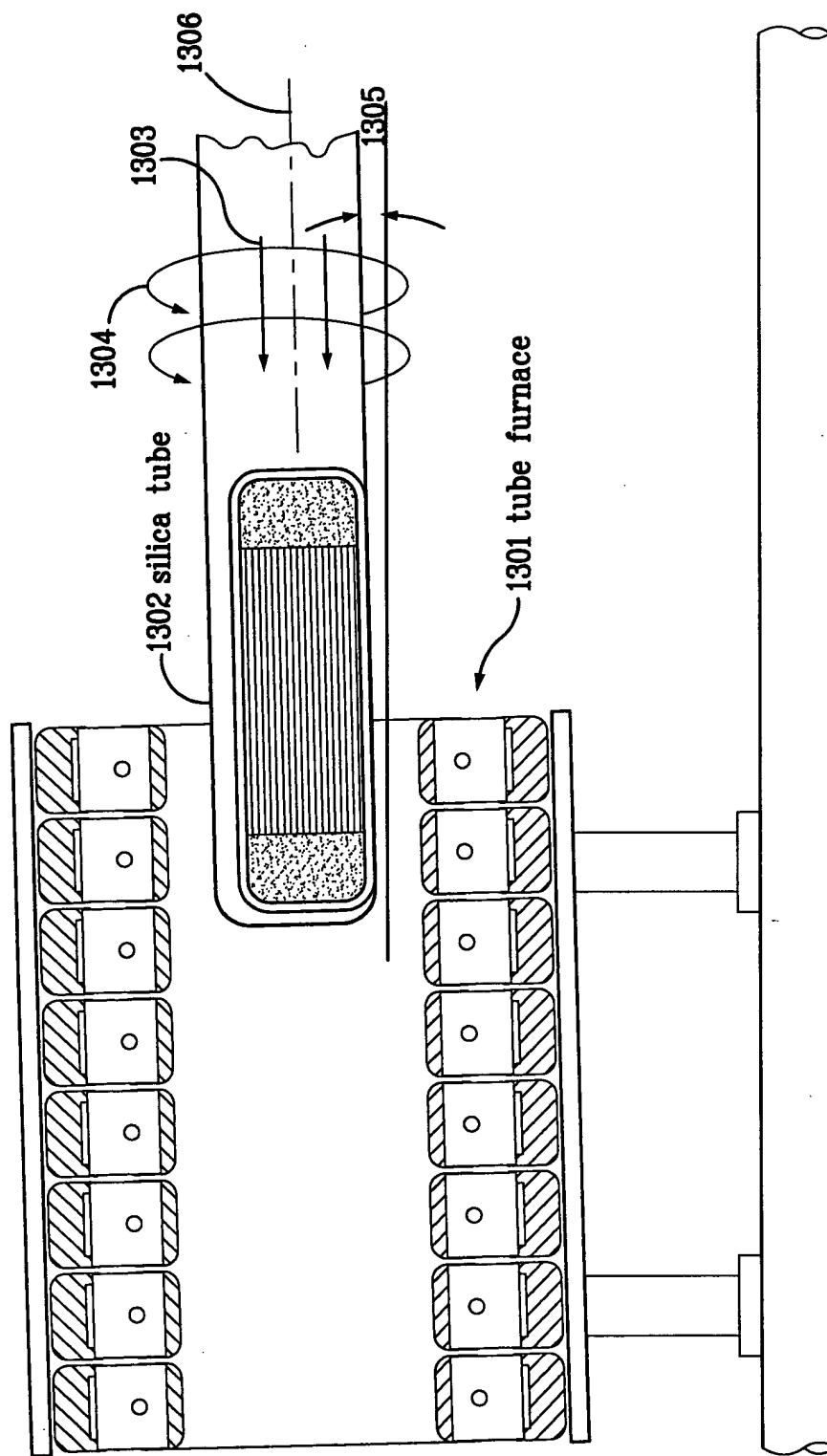


FIG. 12

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FIG. 13



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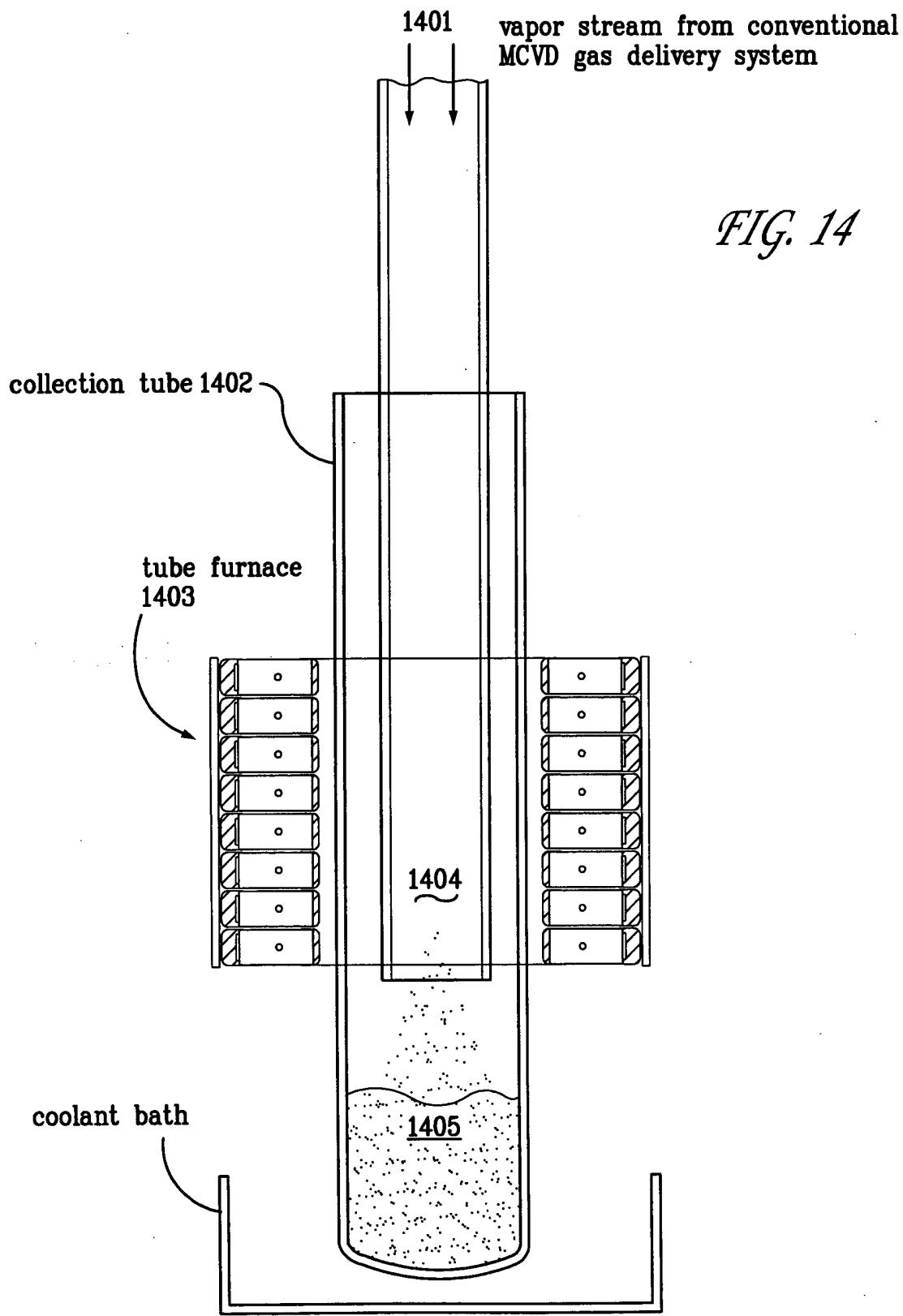


FIG. 14

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*FIG. 15*

